



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Proclaim the Month of May 2011 as Peace Officer Memorial Month throughout the City of Lodi

**MEETING DATE:** May 4, 2011

**PREPARED BY:** Interim Chief of Police

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Proclaim the month of May 2011 as Peace Officer Memorial Month throughout the City of Lodi.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Lodi Police Department requests the Council make this proclamation in keeping with such tributes at the state and national level. This year, the week of May 15 through May 21 is designated National Police Week, while May 2 is the date of the California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. These ceremonies are held annually to honor the memory of over 18,585 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty throughout the United States. Of the 160 line-of-duty deaths in 2010, California's loss was 11 officers.

On Monday, May 2, the Lodi Police Honor Guard will participate in the California Peace Officers' Memorial Enrollment Ceremony in Sacramento. Members of the Lodi Police Department, led by its Honor Guard, will hold a ceremony early the morning of Wednesday, May 11 at the gravesite of Officer Rick Cromwell (5/7/63 – 12/9/98), the only Lodi police officer killed in the line of duty. The group will then participate in the Stockton Police Officers Association's Memorial Services honoring fallen law enforcement officers from throughout San Joaquin County.

An inscription at the California State Memorial reads: "Go, stranger, and tell the (people) that we lie here in obedience to their laws." We urge the City Council to join in this message, honoring our fallen peace officers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

  
Ray Samuels  
Interim Chief of Police

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APPROVED:

  
Konrad Bartlam, City Manager